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1. WE, TOO, SEE A LINK BETWEEN US SUPPORT FOR THE THAI
COMINT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TCIP) AND RAMASUN (AS WELL
AS OTHER US-TENANTED FACILITIES IN THAILAND). HOWEVER,
WE DO NOT BELIEVE US INTERESTS WILL BE SERVED BY
COMMITTING OURSELVES TO CONTINUED SUPPORT THE TCIP
PRIOR TO CLARIFICATION OF THE OFFICIAL RTG POSITION ON
THE FUTURE OF OUR MILITARY PRESENCE. ASSUMING THERE IS
ROOM FOR SOME COMPROMISE ON THE LATTER, WE WOULD LIKE

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TO HAVE AVAILABLE AS MANY SWEETNERS AS POSSIBLE FOR USE

IN THE BARGAINING THAT PRESUMABLY WILL TAKE PLACE. WE
REGARD US SUPPORT FOR THE TCIP, AS WELL AS THE ICS AND
SLAT STOCKS (REFS B AND C), AS POTENTIAL QUIDS FOR
CONCESSIONS ON THE THAI SIDE.

2. YOU WILL RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS
ON THE US MILITARY PRESENCE IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE. INGERSOLL

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